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PREFACE

Atlantic Cape Community College is an open-access, comprehensive community college offering 47 undergraduate degree programs, including a dozen online degrees, and 32 certificate and professional series programs. With three unique campuses in Mays Landing, Atlantic City, and Cape May Court House, we serve the residents of both Atlantic and Cape May counties. We are Middle States accredited and recognized as an Achieving the Dream Leader College and a Hispanic Serving Institution. We are home to the renowned Academy of Culinary Arts and the highly acclaimed Nursing program.

In 1964 Atlantic Community College (ACC) was established as the second community college in the state of New Jersey. ACC opened its doors to students in September 1966 using facilities rented from Atlantic City High School, and in February 1968, the College moved to its Mays Landing Campus location.

In 1982 the former Atlantic City Electric Company building, located in Atlantic City, was purchased by Atlantic County for Atlantic Cape. By 1984, a \$4 million renovation project transformed the building into the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

In 1999, a request by Cape May County officials was approved for a jointure with Atlantic Community College. The College's name was officially changed to Atlantic Cape Community College. The Cape May County Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College opened its doors in August 2005.

At Atlantic Cape, we pride ourselves on our degrees that provide numerous career pathways, others designed for seamless transfer to four-year universities in New Jersey and beyond. We offer this through our partnerships with more than 30 colleges and four-year universities.

2024 marks the 60th Anniversary of the college's inception and the 40th Anniversary of our campus in Atlantic City. 2025 will mark the 20th Anniversary of the Cape May campus. As we hit these milestones, we remain steadfastly committed to ensuring our students receive the high-quality, accessible education they need to succeed. This includes the creation of new and innovative programs to prepare our students for the jobs of the future.

Thank you for your interest in Atlantic Cape!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gaba". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Thank you" message.

Dr. Barbara Gaba
President

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DATA BY CATEGORY

A. ACCREDITATION STATUS

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Atlantic Cape Community College (Atlantic Cape) is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The Middle States Commission is a regional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Following an 18-month self-study Atlantic Cape was reaccredited by the MSCHE for an eight-year term on June 21, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Approved for veteran educational benefits.

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), though not an accrediting agency, has given Atlantic Cape an “A” rating, which indicates that the credits for Atlantic Cape students transferring to other institutions should be given full value.

The Culinary Arts programs are accredited by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACF).

The Hospitality Management program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA).

The Health Information Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) in cooperation with the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

The Medical Laboratory Technology program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

The Nursing Program is accredited by the NJ Board of Nursing and the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing.

The Paramedic Science Program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The Radiologic Technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of X-ray Compliance.

The Preschool-Grade 3 Education Program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Approved education provider for Counseling Skills in Addiction Counseling as prescribed by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey.

B. NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

1. ENROLLMENT BY ATTENDANCE STATUS

Table II.B.1.

Attendance Status, Fall 2023		
	Number	Percent
Full-time	1,737	40.6%
Part-time	2,536	59.4%
Total	4,273	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

2. NON-CREDIT ENROLLMENT

Table II.B.3.

Non-Credit - FY 2023				
	Total Number of Registrations ¹	Unduplicated Headcount	Total Clock Hours*	Total FTEs ²
Open Enrollment	1,732	1,284	131,271	292
Customized Training	883	9,878	11	22

¹Includes all registrations in any course that started on July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023

²FTEs (Full-Time Equivalents) were computed by converting clock hours to credit hours (by dividing by 15), then converting credit hours to FTEs (dividing by 30).

*One Clock Hour = 60 minutes

Source: SURE Non-Credit Open Enrollment file and NJ IPEDS Form #31, Customized Training

3. UNDUPLICATED ENROLLMENT

Table II.B.4.

Unduplicated Enrollment, FY 2023		
Headcount Enrollment	Credit Hours	FTE
6,324	94,504	3,150

Source: IPEDS 12-Month Enrollment Survey

C. CHARACTERISTICS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. ENROLLMENT IN REMEDIATION

Atlantic Cape administers the ACCUPLACER Placement Test to all entering students. Testing is coordinated by the Director of Testing.

Table II.C.2a.

Enrollment, Fall 2023		
Total Enrollment	Enrolled in Remedial Courses	% of Total
3,860	664	17.2%

Table II.C.1.b.

FTFT Students in Remediation, Fall 2023		
Total FTFT Students Total	Enrolled in Remedial Courses	% of FTFT
634	243	38.3%

Table II.C.1.c.

FTFT Students in Remediation by Subject Area, Fall 2023		
Subject Area	Number Enrolled	% of FTFT
Computation/Algebra	83	13.1%
English/Reading/Writing	168	26.5%

Source: SURE Fall Enrollment File

2. RACE/ETHNICITY, SEX, & AGE

Table II.C.2.a.

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2023						
	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
White	745	42.9%	1,026	40.5%	1,771	41.4%
Black	195	11.2%	400	15.8%	595	13.9%
Hispanic	524	30.2%	712	28.1%	1,236	28.9%
Asian	92	5.3%	156	6.2%	248	5.8%
Am. Indian	4	0.2%	6	0.2%	10	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.1%	5	0.2%	7	0.2%
US Nonresident	49	2.8%	25	1.0%	74	1.7%
Two or More Races	81	4.7%	92	3.6%	173	4.0%
Race Unknown	45	2.6%	114	4.5%	159	3.7%
Total	1,737	100.0%	2,536	100.0%	4,273	100.0%

Table II.C.2.b.

Enrollment by Sex, Fall 2023						
	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
Male	725	41.7%	857	33.8%	1,582	37.0%
Female	1,012	58.3%	1,679	66.2%	2,691	63.0%
Total	1,737	100.0%	2,536	100.0%	4,273	100.0%

Table II.C.2.c.

Enrollment by Age, Fall 2023						
	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
<18	26	1.5%	122	4.8%	148	3.5%
18-19	853	49.1%	368	14.5%	1,221	28.6%
20-21	403	23.2%	511	20.2%	914	21.4%
22-24	188	10.8%	457	18.0%	645	15.1%
25-29	116	6.7%	381	15.0%	497	11.6%
30-34	64	3.7%	260	10.3%	324	7.6%
35-39	30	1.7%	155	6.1%	185	4.3%
40-49	37	2.1%	166	6.6%	203	4.8%
50-64	20	1.2%	101	4.0%	121	2.8%
65+			15	0.6%	15	0.4%
Age Unknown					0	0.0%
Total	1,737	100.0%	2,536	100.0%	4,273	100.0%

3. NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Under each state-funded aid program, including both need-based & merit-based, both grants and loans (TAG, EOF, OSRP, Distinguished Scholars, Urban Scholars, NJSTARS, CCOG and NJCLASS).

Table II.C.3.

Financial Aid from State-Funded Programs, AY 2022-2023			
	Recipients	Dollars	\$/Recipient
State Programs			
Tuition Aid Grants (TAG)	1,273	\$2,055,000	\$1,614
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)	220	\$306,000	\$1,391
Others State Programs (OSRP, NJ-GIVS, WTC, etc.)	2	\$5,000	\$2,500
Distinguished Scholars			
Urban Scholars			
NJ STARS	96	\$336,000	\$3,500
CCOG	803	\$1,775,000	\$2,210
NJCLASS Loans	10	\$185,000	\$18,500
Federal Programs			
Pell Grants	2,728	\$10,073,000	\$3,692
College Work Study	90	\$213,000	\$2,367
Perkins Loans			
SEOG	554	\$173,000	\$312
PLUS Loans	354	\$1,141,000	\$3,223
Stafford Loans (Subsidized)	303	\$975,000	\$3,218
Stafford Loans (Unsubsidized)	18	\$148,000	\$8,222
SMART & ACG or other			
CARES ACT-HEERF Student Aid	38	\$21,000	\$553
Grants/Scholarships	1,874	1358000	\$725
Institutional Loans			
Source: NJ IPEDS Form #41 Student Financial Aid Report			

4. PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO ARE NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS

Table II.C.4.

First-time Undergraduate Enrollment By State Residence, Fall 2023			
State Residents	Non-State Residents	Total	% State Residents
975	22	997	97.8%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey, Part C

D. STUDENT OUTCOMES

1. GRADUATION & TRANSFER RATES

Table II.D.1.a

Fall 2020 FTFT Two-Year Graduation Rate		
Fall 2020 Cohort	751	
Percent Graduated after 2 years	109	14.5%

Source: IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey

Table II.D.1.b.

Fall 2020 FTFT Three-Year Graduation & Transfer Rate					
	Cohort	Graduated		Transferred	
Total	751	187	24.9%	116	15.4%
White	333	103	30.9%	62	18.6%
Black	82	13	15.9%	19	23.2%
Hispanic	227	45	19.8%	19	8.4%
Asian	49	10	20.4%	10	20.4%
US Non resident	4	2	50.0%	0	0.0%
Race Unknown	18	6	33.3%	3	16.7%
Two or More Races	33	7	21.2%	2	6.1%

Source: IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey

2. FIRST TIME STUDENTS RETENTION RATES

Table II.D.2.

Fall 2022 to Fall 2023			
	Fall 2022 Cohort	Retained	Rate
Full Time	672	398	59.2%
Part Time	332	136	41.0%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey, Part E

E. FACULTY CHARACTERISTICS

1. FULL-TIME FACULTY BY RACE/ETHNICITY, SEX, AND TENURE STATUS

Table II.E.1

Fall 2023																
	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian*		Amer. Ind.		US Nonresident		Race Unk*		Total	
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W
TENURE																
Professors	9	14			1		1								11	14
Associate Prof.	5	5						1							5	6
Assistant Prof.	3	5	1												4	5
All Others																
TOTAL	17	24	1		1		1	1							20	25
W/O TENURE																
Professors																
Associate Prof.																
Assistant Prof.	7	10						3						1	7	14
All Others	1	3													1	3
TOTAL	8	13						3						1	8	17
Without faculty status																
TOTAL		1														1
GRAND TOTAL	25	38	1		1		1	4						1	28	43

Source: IPEDS Human Resources Survey

* Note: Asian includes Pacific Islanders; and Unknown includes 2 or More Races

2. PERCENTAGE OF COURSE SECTIONS TAUGHT BY FULL-TIME FACULTY

Table II.E.2

Percentage of Courses taught, Fall 2023		
Total Course Sections	Full-time Faculty	Part-time Faculty*
867	47.2%	52.8%

***Note: Includes Full-time Administrators**
Source: Atlantic Cape Institutional Research

3. RATIO OF FULL-TO PART-TIME FACULTY

Table II.E.3

Ratio of Full- to Part-time Faculty, Fall 2023		
Full-time	71	21.3%
Part-time	263	78.7%
Total	334	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Human Resources Survey

F. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRUSTEES

1. RACE/ETHNICITY & SEX

Table II.F.1

Governing Board Characteristics			
	Male	Female	Total
White	3	5	8
Black	3	3	6
Hispanic		1	1
Asian			
Am. Indian			
Alien			
Unknown			
Total	6	9	15

2. LIST OF TRUSTEES WITH TITLES AND AFFILIATIONS

TABLE II.F.2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
NAME	TITLE	AFFILIATION	REPRESENTATION
Ellen Byrne, Esq.	Chairperson	Attorney	Cape May County
Daniel L. Money	Vice Chairperson	Retired	Cape May County
Donald Parker	Treasurer	Retired	Atlantic County
Haniyah Bey	Trustee, Alumni Representative	Student	Atlantic County
Flora Castillo	Trustee	Pivot Strategies, LLC	Atlantic County
Christina P. Clemans	Trustee	Sotheby's	State of NJ
Dave Coskey	Trustee	Consultant	Cape May County
Rev. Dr. Thomas Dawson	Trustee	Pastor	State of NJ
Dr. Judith DeSefano	Trustee	Executive County Superintendent	Cape May County
Ambrose Gray	Trustee	Leaders in Training, LLC	Atlantic County
Monica Kyle	Trustee	Borough of Longport	Atlantic County
Mark Sandson	Trustee	Nehmad Davis & Goldstein, PC	Atlantic County
Maria Ivette Torres	Trustee	Retired	Atlantic County
Brigitte White	Trustee	Retired	Atlantic County
Leslie White-Coursey	Trustee	Executive County Superintendent	Atlantic County
Dr. Barbara Gaba	Ex-Officio	Atlantic Cape	
Will Donio	Ex-Officio	Cooper Levenson	
Jean McAlister	Ex-Officio	Atlantic Cape	

3. URLS OF WEB PAGES WITH INFORMATION ON TRUSTEES

<https://www.atlanticcape.edu/about/leadership/board/index.php>

G. PROFILE OF THE INSTITUTION

1. DEGREE, CERTIFICATE AND NON-CREDIT TO CREDIT PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The associate in arts (A.A.) degree nomenclature is appropriate for programs in the liberal arts, humanities, or fine and performing arts; such programs are transfer-oriented. For A.A. degrees, general education courses should total no fewer than 45 semester credit hours or equivalent.

Associate in Arts Degree Programs

Communication

Liberal Arts

Options:

K-12 Education

English

Social Sciences

Preschool-Grade 3 Education

Psychology

Studio Arts

The associate in science (A.S.) degree nomenclature is appropriate for programs in mathematics, the sciences, business, or in allied health fields if the program is intended as pre-baccalaureate work; such programs are transfer-oriented. General education courses for the A.S. degree should total no fewer than 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

Associate in Science Degree Programs

Advanced and Continuous Studies

Aviation Studies

Aviation Studies – Professional Helicopter Pilot Option

Aviation Studies – Professional Pilot Option

Biology

Biomedical Science

Business Administration

Chemistry

Computer Information Systems

Criminal Justice

Engineering

Environmental Science

General Studies

Health Science

Human Services

Mathematics

Physics

Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Addictions Counseling

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

The associate in applied science (A.A.S.) degree nomenclature is appropriate for programs that emphasize career preparation in the applied arts and sciences, typically at the technical or semiprofessional level. Such programs are designed to prepare students for job entry at completion of the program, notwithstanding any articulation agreements with four-year programs that may be in effect for a particular A.A.S. program. General education courses shall total no fewer than 20 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

Associate in Applied Science Degree Programs

Air Traffic Control Terminal
Business Administration
Business Administration – Esports Option
Child Development and Child Care
Computer Programming
Computer Programming – Game Design and Development Option
Computer Systems Support
Computer Systems Support – Cybersecurity Option
Culinary Arts
Culinary Arts- Baking and Pastry Option
Food Service Management
Health Information Technology
Hospitality Management
Media Studies
Medical Laboratory Technology
Nursing
Radiologic Technology
Respiratory Care
Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Field Technician
Technical Studies

ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS

The associate in fine arts (A.F.A.) degree nomenclature is appropriate for a program that specializes in fine arts. Such program is designed to prepare students with a solid foundation in visual arts. General education courses shall total no fewer than 20 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

Associate in Fine Arts Degree Program

Fine Art Studies

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificate programs contain fewer semester credits than degree programs and certify students in a particular employment area. Credits earned through a certificate program may be applied to an associate degree in a related field or in general education. The certificate program shall consist of 30-36 semester hours, which includes general education courses of 6 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

Certificate

Baking and Pastry I
Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts I
Flight Instructor
Graphic Design
Hospitality Management
Human Services
Practical Nursing
Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Field Technician

PROFESSIONAL SERIES PROGRAMS

The Professional Series are groups of selected courses in related subject areas which provide students with entry-level skills for specific jobs. Each series can be taken on a part-time basis, with many courses being offered online. Students can complete many of the series in less than a year; others have certain sequence courses, which may take longer. Students begin and end a series at their own pace. Upon completion of a series, students receive a letter of recognition from the College. All credits earned may be applied toward an associate degree in one of Atlantic Cape's degree programs.

Professional Series Programs

Specialist

Addiction Counseling
Computer Forensics
Computer Security
Computer Technician
Help Desk
Media Production
Oracle Database and GIS
Oracle SQL Programming & Database Design
Personal Computer
Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repair
Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Professional

Business Leadership
Entrepreneurial
Human Resources

Other

Bookkeeper Credentials
Child Development Associate (CDA)
Commercial Pilot
Fine Arts Series
Infant/Toddler Credential
Microsoft Office Credentials
Project Management
Smartphone Programmer

NON-CREDIT TO CREDIT PROGRAMS (COLLEGE PATHWAYS)

Upon credential attainment, the following non-credit programs can be applied for college credits toward a degree from Atlantic Cape:

Continuing Education College Pathways Programs

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (*up to 16 credits toward a Health Science degree*)

Certified Fundamentals Cook (*up to 10 credits toward a Culinary Arts degree*)

Emergency Medical Technician Hybrid (up to 6 credits toward an Atlantic Cape degree)

Paramedic Science (*up to 16 towards a Health Sciences degree*)

Phlebotomy Technician (up to 3 credits toward a Health Sciences degree)

CENTER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Development at Atlantic Cape offers a wide range of certificate, certification, professional, and community education training programs to meet individuals' and businesses' needs in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Partnerships with local businesses and industry help ensure that industry needs for skilled workers and their employees' need for enhanced skills are being met. Classes are offered days, evenings, and weekends at all three College campuses and various locations throughout Atlantic and Cape May counties. Many programs are available online.

Adult Literacy and Integrated Education Programs

Atlantic Cape's Adult Literacy division delivers educational services for adults who seek to enhance their basic skills. Necessary skills enhancements allow participants to move into employment. Courses include Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency (HSE) Preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL).

Certificate and Certification Training Programs

Atlantic Cape offers over 40 Career Training Certificates and Certification Programs to prepare students for many career options. These programs are designed to help students obtain the skills required to begin a new career -- often in just a few short months. Programs are available in healthcare, technology, hospitality, gaming, and culinary. Experienced instructors utilize up-to-date equipment to provide a well-rounded curriculum designed for success. College credits upon successful completion may be earned for many programs.

Casino Career Institute

Atlantic Cape's Casino Career Institute (CCI) provides training and consulting services supporting the gaming industry for over 45 years. CCI was the first licensed gaming school in the nation to be affiliated with a community college. CCI offers dealer training, surveillance, and games protection training. Students receive hands-on training on our fully-equipped mock casino floor.

Career Services

The Career Services and Experienced-based Learning team are prepared to assist students with assistance with resumes and interview skills. The team also assists employers in connecting with students for employment and experienced-based learning opportunities like internships and apprenticeships.

Health Professions Institute

Atlantic Cape's Health Professions Institute (HPI) provides comprehensive healthcare training for in-demand careers. Phlebotomy, Certified Clinical Medical Assistants, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedic Science Programs are available.

Professional Development and Community Education

Workforce Development provides various professional development and personal enrichment courses to meet Atlantic and Cape May County residents' interests and needs. The College offers a wide range of workshops and seminars to help busy professionals acquire additional credentials, certifications, and skills. Classes are offered days, evenings, and weekends at all three Atlantic Cape campuses and various locations throughout Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Retail, Customer Service & Hospitality

Workforce Development provides sales, customer service, retail management, front desk operations, and guest service training

Workforce Solutions (Training Services for Business)

Atlantic Cape's Workforce Solutions Programs deliver training specific to businesses and organizations' needs in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Professional trainers facilitate sessions on topics that assist businesses in meeting the demands of their challenging and competitive markets. Workforce Solutions also offers needs assessments and application assistance with N.J. Department of Labor's Workforce Development grant opportunities.

Wind Training Center

The Wind Training Center will provide the GWO Basic Safety Training w/Sea Survival. Over five days, the training will provide 40 hours of instruction in five areas (First Aid, Manual Handling, Fire Awareness, Working at Heights, and Sea Survival). The training program and supporting facility will be the first in the State and enable New Jersey to strengthen its leadership position in offshore wind energy. Atlantic Cape was awarded \$2.9M for the 1,700 square ft. facility. The New Jersey Offshore Wind Safety Training Challenge is a grant program administered by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education with the support of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

2. OTHER

ATLANTIC CAPE COLLABORATIONS

2024 -present	<p>Signed a memorandum of understanding on November 30th with Thomas Jefferson University’s College of Health Professions, that established a convenient and accessible pathway for Atlantic Cape students to enroll in one of ten Jefferson health programs.</p> <p>Signed a memorandum of understanding on February 14th with Rutgers University-Camden referred to as the Premier Partnership Agreement, allowing students to fully matriculate to Rutgers University-Camden with 60 completed credits and pay the Atlantic Cape tuition and fee rate for their third year.</p> <p>Awarded \$25,000 for the New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities—Year 2 to serve as the lead institution for the Renewable Energy Center of Workforce Innovation, for a total award of \$126,850 from the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.</p> <p>Awarded \$5,000 for the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Environmental Education Grants Program Subaward Agreement from Rowan University over the term of January 1, 2024 through April 2, 2025.</p> <p>Awarded \$50,000 in support of the Inlet Community Development Corporation Improvement of Fisherman’s Park in Atlantic City</p> <p>Awarded \$308,522 for the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) “Atlantic City Works 3” Grant from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) for a workforce training program titled “Atlantic City Works 3” over a term of one year.</p> <p>Awarded \$1,700 for The Collegiate Archery Grant Program from the USA Archery/Easton Foundation for the Collegiate Archery Grant Program.</p>
2023-present	<p>Signed an RN to BSN articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix creating a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) Collaborative Cohort Program between the two institutions of higher learning during a ceremony at the Mays Landing campus on Wednesday, April 26th.</p> <p>Approved by the state for Advanced and Continuous Studies 3+1 partnering with Stockton University. The goal is to have the program available in Fall 2023. This degree is intended to teach essential written, oral, and visual communication skills with an emphasis on human psychology. Students can pursue a BA in Liberal Studies at Stockton upon completion of their third year at Atlantic Cape.</p> <p>Awarded \$1,000,000 for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program to carry out projects to implement the Atlantic City Inlet Neighborhood Plan.</p> <p>Awarded \$39,259 for the College Readiness Now X Project with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) over a grant term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.</p>

Awarded \$131,785 for Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Special Project Grant Application by the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Special Projects grant program.

Awarded National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Program grant for \$551,818 from National Science Foundation, Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program, for a competitive grant to develop the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive our nation's economy over the grant term of three years (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027).

Awarded \$1,482 for the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) Mental Health and Wellness Mini-Grant over the term of the grant from the New Jersey Council of County Colleges for the Mental Health and Wellness Mini-Grant program.

Awarded \$35,980 for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Winter Session Funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

Awarded \$257,819 for the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) Student Success Initiative Funding from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education with a grant term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Awarded \$44,125 for the NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) Hunger-Free Campus Grant from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)

Awarded \$100,000 for the NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) Some College, No Degree Grant Program Application from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)

Awarded \$101,850 \$101,850 from the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development for the college's participation in the Year 2 work phase of the New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities initiative for Patient Care and Renewable Energy Centers of Workforce Innovation.

Awarded \$50,000 from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the New Jersey Asset Activation Planning Grant Program.

Awarded \$230,400 for the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) FY24 County College-Based Centers for Adult Transition Grant from the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's (OSHE) County College-Based Centers for Adult Transition Round III Grant Program.

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Signed an MOU to develop a partnership between Atlantic Cape Community College and the County of Cape May for a lease agreement for the Cape May County Zoo's educational program to be housed in facilities at the Cape May County Campus.

Signed an MOU with the Cape May Point Science Center to explore programs and curricula that could be developed and offered including marine science and environmental science.

H. MAJOR RESEARCH & PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. SELECTED ADVOCACY, SCHOLARLY, PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ADVOCACY

Dr. Barbara Gaba, President, Atlantic Cape Community College, worked to advance the College's mission through her advocacy work in her role of serving as the Co-Chair of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) State & Federal Policy Committee which included the following:

On December 14th, the NJCCC, the state coordinating organization for the 18 community colleges submitted its annual State Budget to the Governor and the state Treasurer for \$189.1M in state operating aid for community colleges (an increase of \$20M from FY24). On January 10th, the NJCCC followed up with a letter to the Governor, signed by all community college Presidents. They then launched a Legislative Action Campaign. This included sending out an email for the Legislative Action Campaign to the college community, asking them to send letters to our state legislators to increase state operating aid for community colleges.

Implemented a budget strategy plan to restore \$20M to the Governor's budget for FY25, which included: Testimony by presidents and students at public hearings of both the Assembly and Senate budget committees and Presidents personally met with legislators. Their Legislative action campaign included Op Ed's in the local newspaper, TV coverage on the local news, and Social media (LinkedIn, Twitter/X).

Continued to advocate for the restoration of \$20 million to the community college sector in the Governor's Budget for the coming year. Attended another set of hearings with legislators on May 1 at the Assembly Budget Hearing and May 2 at the Senate Budget Hearing.

The National Legislative Summit (NLS) was held in February in Washington D.C. This annual event focused on federal advocacy priorities; and provided the opportunity to meet directly with members of Congress (and/or their staff) to discuss key issues impacting community colleges and our students.

Dr. Gaba along with, Trustee Byrne, Trustee Nguyen, and Jean McAlister attended the National Legislative Summit (NLS) - the premier Community College event that brought together more than 1000 community college leaders to Washington, DC to meet with Senators and members of Congress to discuss the critical need for and importance of community colleges. 1300 leaders attended from across the county including over 100 students. The NJ delegation included participants from 14 of the 18 community colleges. Trustee Nguyen made a presentation during their meeting with Senator Van Drew's staff where she focused on her experience as a student at Atlantic Cape as a testament to the vital role that community colleges play in our communities

Held a Summit in Atlantic City from June 11th to June 13th where Trustee Sandson presented at the NJCCC Summit on the Judiciary Opportunities for Success, JOBS Program.

Faculty Achievements

Featured poem by Rich Russell, Associate Professor of English, “Meanwhile, On Planet Earth” on The Eco Justice Project website. The EJP noted, “Rich Russell’s poem reflected on the state of our planet – from the alarming impacts of rising atmospheric and ocean temperatures to the dangerous air quality caused by the Canada and U.S. East Coast wildfires. Explored the idea of an ‘everyday apocalypse’, a world that is both familiar and perilous, and how we are expected to uphold ‘normalcy’ under these grueling conditions.”

Attended the 2023 NSF Advance Equity in STEM Community Convening, hosted at the Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club in Durham, North Carolina. Both the Advance Resource and Coordination (ARC) and the Women in Engineering ProActive Network (WEPAN) convened to bring together change-makers in higher education. As a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion institutional committee, Dr. Hana Bajes attended.

Presented (Judith Otterburn-Martinez) at the International TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Convention in Tampa, Florida on March 22nd. The workshop was titled: Fostering Teacher Growth through Collaborative Teacher Observation Protocol. As part of her work with the English Language Program of the US Department of State, she highlighted the best practices in conducting observations and creating a culture of collegiality and collaboration. She worked with another English Language Specialist, Kim Carroll, to showcase work they had done in Brazil, Paraguay, and Tanzania. Over 60 participants joined the workshop.

Received grant (Eric Avedissian, Adjunct Professor in English) through the NJ State Council on the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship Program. Fellowships are competitive awards to NJ artists following an independent review of work samples. The program is administered in partnership with Mid-Atlantic Arts. For 2024, the Council awarded 161 NJ artists just over \$1.7 million. A prose fellow, Eric Avedissian received a \$13,200 grant to further his writing goals. He submitted the first chapter of his debut novel *Accursed Son* for review. *Accursed Son* was both a finalist in the 2023 Next Generation Indie Book Awards (Suspense) and the 2023 American Fiction Awards (Horror: Occult), and a semifinalist in the Annual Kindle Book Awards (Horror/Suspense). His fourth novel, *The Ocean Hugs Hard*, will be released on June 24, 2024, from Shadow Spark Publishing.

Selected (Professor Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan) by the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University (Noyes Arts Garage) as one of three artists featured in their summer show: *South Jersey Reflections* at the Seaview Marriott in Galloway. The reception was on Thursday, May 30th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Awarded (Donna Marie McElroy, Professor of Social Science) with the 2024 Distinguished Faculty Award from the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) on June 11 during the New Jersey Community College Opportunity Summit in Atlantic City, N.J. The Distinguished Faculty Award is presented each year to a New Jersey community college faculty member who has had a profound influence on his/her students academically and professionally, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Recognized (faculty) with an “Extra Miler Award” during the Annual Graduate Awards Ceremony: Stephanie Natale-Boianelli, Mark Camma, Jeanine DiNardo, Matthew Dixon, Keith Forrest, Noelle Gaetano, Lynette Ingram, Raymond Keller, Rashawn Martin, Richard Perello, Susan Van Rossum, Dr. Beth Sanders-Robinowitz. Stephanie Natale-Boianelli was recognized with the Paula Stewart Davis Award for Faculty.

Completed (Dr. Jennie Fields) her dissertation to earn her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University.

Earned (James Taggart) a Drone Deploy Certified Pilot and Drone Deploy Certified Program Administrator certifications.

Earned (Michele Togashi) a UCI Esports Specialization certificate.

Enrolled (Claude Fortune, Jeanine DiNardo, Madeline Barrows, and Sherwood Taylor) in doctoral degree programs and Judith Otterburn-Martinez has been accepted into a program.

Staff Achievements

Named (Dr. Barbara Gaba) the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) 2023 District One Pacesetter of the Year award recipient for demonstrating special leadership and support of college communications and marketing at the annual district conference Awards Dinner on November 3 at the Boston Park Plaza in Boston, MA. In addition to this prestigious honor, Atlantic Cape's Marketing and College Relations Department earned 10 Medallion awards (three gold and seven silver) at this year's conference. NCMPR is the leading professional development association exclusively serving those working in communication at two-year community and technical colleges. The Medallion Awards held each fall during district conferences, recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in seven districts.

Recognized (Dr. Barbara Gaba) as a Woman of Distinction by Winslow Township Middle School. As part of the month-long celebration this March recognizing women's contributions to history, culture, and society, Atlantic Cape Community College President Dr. Barbara Gaba was recognized on March 27 as the Winslow Township Middle School's Women's History Month "Woman of Distinction" during a ceremony at its Atco, NJ campus.

Honored by the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce on March 28 at the organization's Annual Business Excellence Awards ceremony held at The Carriage House in Galloway. Dr. Natalie Devonish, vice president, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, received the Outstanding Young Professional award. Dr. Devonish was inducted into the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame in 2023 as well. Victor Moreno, senior manager, Special Projects, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, was recognized as a Top 20 Under 40 professional. Moreno, an Atlantic City resident who has been with Atlantic Cape for 17 years, is very active in the Atlantic City community.

Presented (Caesar Niglio, Director, Enterprise Applications, and Jeff Wenzel, Director, Restricted Accounting) at Ellucian's Annual Conference in San Antonio on April 8. Their session titled, "Self-Service Procurement Implementation: Where Do We Begin?", focused on how we are streamlining our requisition approval process. We recently set up Self-Service Procurement and Budget Monitoring, providing employees with a web-based, user-friendly experience. Caesar and Jeff presented on how we took this daunting task and broke it down into pieces to simplify implementation. They showed the audience how to set up self-service requisitions, approval routing, and a flow that works for their institution.

Received (Stacey Zacharoff, senior director, Center for Student Success) the Student Support Services Leadership Award for "providing guidance, engagement and support to the CSS Department" at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Annual Conference in Seattle, WA

Completed Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship Program (Dr. Josette Katz, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs). The Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship aims to address the dramatic turnover in the community college presidency by recruiting and developing exceptional leaders - a cadre of diverse reformers who can push the field forward and advance student success. The Aspen Institute engages a select group of fellows each year in this intensive, applied executive leadership program. The fellowship includes residential seminars, mentoring by veteran college presidents, and the development of a strategic leadership vision through a capstone project. The curriculum centers on broad themes drawn from the work of excellent community colleges: equitable student success strategies, leadership of cultural change, and partnership for collective action.

Graduated (Tom Hendrixson, Krista McConnell, Lizbeth Castro-James, and Sandra Criscione) from the Chair Academy for Advanced Leadership on May 31. The one-year-long program is designed to provide participants with knowledge and skills to become transformational leaders and to gain insight into the unique leadership challenges community colleges face.

Inducted (Jean McAlister, Chief of Staff and Chief Advancement Officer) into the prestigious Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame for her enduring volunteerism during a formal dinner ceremony at the Linwood Country Club on June 25.

Selected (Dean Myrna Morales-Keklak and Nina Brannigan) to serve on a Thomas Jefferson task force to design the job description and the orientation plan for practical nurses in the acute care setting of their hospital.

Completed (Sandra Criscione and Beth Sanders-Rabinowitz) the Chair Academy and Terry-Lynn Hamby completed year one of the Chair Academy. This leadership development program provides valuable tools and resources to enhance the participants' effectiveness as transformational leaders and connect them with a network of other talented individuals.

Received (ACA and Hospitality Management Director Joseph Sheridan) the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey's Chef of the Year award from the local chapter's President David Goldstein.

Inducted (Dr. Natalie Devonish, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management) into the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame during a formal ceremony at the Linwood Country Club on June 22.

Student Success

Accepted (Chris Walia, Physics major) into the NASA Community College Scholars program.

Competed in the Inaugural MRE Culinary Challenge on October 6 at the Mays Landing campus. Freshmen baking and pastry students Isabella Burke and Grace Carpenter captured first-place honors.

Awarded two scholarships to freshmen Baking & Pastry major Isabella Burke and Culinary Arts major Saudly Delphin during the Vincent DeFinis Restaurant Gala Scholarship cooking competition on October 13 at the Mays Landing campus through the Academy of Culinary Arts. This annual competition pitted six student finalists in the culinary and baking & pastry categories. The six finalists were required to apply and were selected by faculty members from the Academy of Culinary Arts program. The culinary finalists were Anthony Spero, Tiarah Williams, and Delphin while the baking & pastry finalists were Grace Carpenter, Nicole Taylor, and Burke. The scholarships awarded will cover the winning students' tuition and fees for their sophomore year of studies within the Academy of Culinary Arts program.

Swore in the Alpha Delta Mu chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society 2023-24 inductee class during its 45th Annual Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, November 14 in Walter E. Edge Hall Theater on the Mays Landing campus. Dedicating themselves to the PTK's platform of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service, the 23 newly inducted members signed the honor society's membership book and were given a symbolic flower and candle.

Participated (Nine students from Atlantic Cape Community College's Academy of Culinary Arts program) in the 2nd Annual Wing Wars competition on January 26 at the Mays Landing campus for the privilege of having their winning recipe represent the ACA at the upcoming Annual Atlantic City Wing Fest at Golden Nugget Atlantic City Hotel and Casino on Saturday, February 3.

Inducted 21 new students into the College's English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta on March 26 on the Mays Landing campus.

Secured first and second place finishes (students from Atlantic Cape Community College/Shore Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology) in the Emma Wolfe Student Bee Competition on March 27 at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City. Lindsay Bechtler placed first while Phoebe Wade placed second. This was the third time an Atlantic Cape/ SMC student had won this competition and the first time two students had placed in the top three. This competition tests students' knowledge of the field in all subjects that a student could potentially see on their ARRT national board examination.

Raised (Academy of Culinary Arts) nearly \$2,500 during its annual Italy dinner fundraiser on March 28 at Carême's on the Mays Landing campus to support its students planning to attend the ACA's upcoming Marco Polo Study Abroad Program in Italy.

Inducted more than 30 students into the Psi Beta Honor Society at its 2nd Annual Induction Ceremony in the Walter E. Edge Theater on the Mays Landing campus on April 24.

Recognized (Enin Taggart and Priya Momi) for their scholarly excellence and named as members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team at the 2024 New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration on April 25 at the State Museum in Trenton. Each year, this event recognizes New Jersey's honors students who have worked incredibly hard and overcome significant barriers to become the state's very best community college students.

Held 17th Annual Communication Awards on Friday, April 26 in the Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing campus. The event featured more than 100 awards distributed to honorees in more than 40 categories including journalism, public relations, public speaking, performing arts, film, and television. Individual students, alumni, faculty, and media professionals were awarded for their work in the field. Jessica Schachner of Oaklyn was honored as a Communication Alumni of the Year recipient. She is an attorney with a law degree from Rutgers-Camden. Wildwood High School teacher Rachel Vogel was honored as a Faculty Pioneer for her long-time contribution to communication students in her district.

Recognized (Men of Atlantic Cape) the academic accomplishments of six of its members during the club's Annual Jacket Ceremony on May 1. The mission of MAC is to promote the advancement of Black and Latino male students through peer-to-peer support, mentorship, leadership development, and networking experiences.

Held Student Government Association's Annual Club Recognition Program Ceremony on May 2. Members from Atlantic Cape's 22 student clubs were recognized and honored with certificates for their dedication and accomplishments over the school year.

Presented (Atlantic Cape's Theater Arts Guild) their spring production '100 Years of Broadway' on May 3 in The Walter Edge Theater. Over 30 students performed to an audience of over 90. Songs, dances, and scenes were presented

Presented (Center for Student Success) awards to 20 graduating students for their outstanding academic achievement, as well as, faculty and staff members for their unsung dedication this school year during the Annual Graduate Awards Ceremony on May 3 in the Walter E. Edge Theater. College faculty and staff members were also recognized with awards.

Held the first Honors All in the Student Center Lobby on May 10. The symposium featured presentations from honors students and faculty on artificial intelligence, medical narratives, Taino mythology, the 52-hertz whale, and Twine interactive stories. During the event, the first annual Honors Catalyst Awards were announced, recognizing individuals on campus who went above and beyond to build the "H-factor" for students. After the symposium, the Honors Symposium Gallery opened, featuring even more work from Atlantic Cape's outstanding honors students, which remained on display through May 17.

Recognized 18 students who graduated from the Shore Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology, 13 of which also received their Associate in Applied Science degree from Atlantic Cape on May 14. This is the largest graduating class to date.

Held the Annual Nurses Pinning Ceremony on May 15 and celebrated the program's 79 graduates.

Awarded 904 associate degrees, including 47 high school students from Atlantic and Cape May counties who took part in the Early College program, and 23 certificates were awarded to 919 students ranging in age from 17 to 68. Nearly 400 students attended and walked in the 57th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 16 at the Mays Landing campus.

Attended the 60th Annual New Jersey District Convention of Circle K International (Four students - Julia Kowal, Razin Monir, Dylan Caraballo, and Louise Mondragon - from Atlantic Cape's Circle K Club and Club Advisor Professor Donna Marie McElroy) in March. Members who attended participated in various workshops throughout the weekend, bonded with Circle K clubs from other NJ colleges, and witnessed the culmination of another great year of service. Atlantic Cape's club placed third in the Scrapbook Contest.

Student Services/Engagement

Hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month staff and student panel discussion titled "Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace Your Future" on October 4 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. Staff members Danays Hernandez, financial aid specialist; Wendy Aguilar, office and events coordinator; and Joshua Baez, assistant director, LILA-Lifelong Learning Accounts Program represented the college on the panel.

Hosted a resource fair for World Mental Health Day in the Student Center lobby on the Mays Landing campus on October 10 through the college's Department of Student Engagement. Students were invited to browse the tables filled with motivational, self-help, and well-being literature. Colorful wristbands with quotes of positivity were there for the taking. Stickers promoting self-worth were intended to spread a message of inclusion and hope. Stress balls, pens, and other items dotted the tables too.

Celebrated National Coming Out Day on October 11 at our Mays Landing and Atlantic City campuses with the Atlantic Cape Pride Club. Participants created and decorated their own 4"x4" canvases. Pride stickers were available for all who wanted to display their identification with, or express their support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Hosted (Student Support Services and the Educational Opportunity Fund) Annual First-Gen College Week Celebration, November 7-9. Fun activities and entertainment included a 360-degree photo booth, open mic and karaoke to air-brushed t-shirts, and a homecoming tailgate party sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Hosted the Southern New Jersey Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club that presented a history of the legendary Buffalo Soldiers, who contributed significantly to the settling and preservation of the United States from the Civil War through World War II, before students, staff, faculty, and residents at Atlantic Cape's Atlantic City and Cape May campuses on February 7 and 14, respectively.

Hosted the Twin Poets as part of Black History Month who performed their inspirational form of the spoken word, which combines the allure of rhyme, meter, and prose with stage performance, in the Student Center at the Mays Landing campus on Thursday, February 8.

Held presentation "Finding Your Roots: My Personal Black History" on February 13 in Mays Landing. By Robyn Berenato who discussed her life as a Black woman in a family who are various shades of olive and brown, and how to navigate the challenges of researching a family tree when information on Blacks was not always properly recorded.

Hosted Dr. Theodore Darden as part of Black History Month in conjunction with the Coalition for a Safe Community and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, who gave a presentation Multiculturalism and Police: Understanding the Fragile Relationship with Communities of Color at the Cape May campus on February 22.

Hosted Key Arts Productions that performed "King's Dream" at the Worthington Atlantic City campus on February 28. The multimedia presentation tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was narrated by Joe Patterson and featured captivating footage from the civil rights movement. A live musical presentation followed.

Hosted "Red Lining in the Sand" a traveling museum display through The African-American History Museum of Southern New Jersey displayed at the Mays Landing campus that talked about the factors that created segregated neighborhoods, such as Atlantic City's northside, throughout the country at the turn of the century.

Held Defamation Experience where more than 30 students, faculty, and staff participated in the interactive diversity event. The Defamation Experience is where race, class, religion, and gender met in a riveting recorded courtroom drama, and those in attendance became the jury on April 23.

Foundation

Raised another record amount for student scholarships at the Atlantic Cape Foundation Annual Scramble "FORE" Scholarships Golf Tournament. For the third consecutive year, the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation's Annual Scramble 'FORE' Scholarships Golf Tournament raised a record amount to benefit students and scholarships on October 13 at Cape May National Golf Club in Erma, NJ. The \$71,500 amount topped last year's total of \$67,235 by more than \$4,000.

Honored (Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation and the Cape May County Women's Commission) Tracey Boyle-DuFault, Sandra Lockhart, Terri Mascione, and Jennifer Shirk at the 2023 Women of Wonder Luncheon on November 2 at The Flanders Hotel in Ocean City in recognition of their outstanding contributions and for helping to serve others in the community. This year's Women of Wonder event raised \$14,150 (additional donations have been received since the check presentation

total of \$13,450), topping last year's \$12,100 amount, towards providing scholarships for young Atlantic Cape female students who wish to attend college and who otherwise may have been unable to afford to do so.

Held the 41st Annual Restaurant Gala with 840 attendees on Thursday, March 21 at the Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City. The event raised a record \$306,210 towards student scholarships while also honoring three members of the community including, Travis Lunn, president and chief operating officer, Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, as its Community Honoree and Chef Demetrios Haronis, 1990 Academy of Culinary Arts (ACA) alumnus and current executive chef at Tropicana Atlantic City, as its ACA Honoree.

Awarded six alumni recipients at the 2024 President's Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 10, at Careme's Restaurant on the Mays Landing campus. The six recipients included Christian Bolf '93, Chef Michael D'Angelo '84, Dr. Terri-Lynn Hamby '94 & '98, Chef Deborah Pellegrino '92, and Dr. Antoinette Wilson '84. Receiving this year's Young Alumni Achievement is Latoya Mcglone '17.

Awarded \$366,504 in scholarships to 211 Students during the 57th Annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet held on May 13. The evening's festivities were attended by 298 people, including 105 students, 93 guests, 52 scholarship donors, and 48 board members, college faculty, and staff. The outpouring of giving from such donors has allowed the Atlantic Cape Foundation to support thousands of Atlantic and Cape May County students over the past 57 years and given them the financial means to pursue their academic dreams.

Athletics

Hosted the southern venue portion of the 2024 New Jersey State Indoor Archery Championships in Jonathan Pitney Gymnasium on the Mays Landing campus February 3-4 as the Buccaneers' Archery team opened the Spring semester half of its 2023-24 season. This annual USA Archery event brought archers from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, as well as Atlantic Cape and Rowan University, to the college to compete in nearly 30 categories.

Recognized the outstanding contributions of student-athletes at the 3rd Annual Athletics Banquet on May 14. Buccaneer student-athletes were recognized for their hard work, determination, and perseverance in the classroom as well as on the field this year. Each of the college's nine athletics program coaches and players were recognized and applauded for their Buccaneer spirit in 2023-24 along with many who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Awards were presented to student-athletes for excelling in their respective sports. Members of the Men's Volleyball team were also presented with the Garden State Athletic Conference Division III champions plaque. The team earned this honor by finishing 9-1 in the conference and 11-4 overall in its first season of varsity competition.

Programs

Launched the PN Nursing program with 16 students enrolled in the first course. An initial accreditation site visit is anticipated to occur in May 2025

Developed a pilot internship program for Physics/Engineering at the FAA Technical Center

Added a new Associate in Science (A.S.) Physics degree program at its Mays Landing campus in Fall 2023.

Granted re-accreditation from The Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA) with stipulations for the full seven years (Winter 2023-Winter 2030) to The Academy of Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management at Atlantic Cape Community College.

Opened the Wind Training Center in March with three Basic Safety Training (onshore) courses

Held ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the Dr. Alex Ernst Memorial Education Center at the Cape May County campus on May 10. This project was a coordinated effort between the Cape May County Board of Commissioners and the Atlantic Cape Board of Trustees. The \$1.2 million project will now allow the Zoo to provide high-quality educational opportunities for Cape May County residents and guests.

High School Outreach – Atlantic County

Hosted students from six local area high schools for a day learning about the latest technological media and communication innovations, trends, and educational opportunities available to them in college at the Atlantic Cape Community College Early College Program's Annual Media Day at the Mays Landing campus on October 27.

Hosted 120 students from Local High School and College Students at the 2nd Annual First-Generation Student Conference on March 21 at the Mays Landing Campus. Sponsored by the Support Services department, the day's program included students from Atlantic Cape, Rowan College of South Jersey, Stockton University, Camden County College, Pleasantville High School, and Atlantic City High School. Keynote speaker Dr. Joshua Fredenburg, an internationally acclaimed speaker and author of several books on leadership, relationships, issues, and solutions to real-world, real-life challenges, and more gave a passionate and highly energetic presentation on overcoming adversity, rising to a challenge, staying motivated, and ultimately succeeding in college and life.

Hosted approximately 50 students from Atlantic City and Egg Harbor Township high schools and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology attended Atlantic Cape Community College's Annual Aviation Day on May 22 at the Mays Landing campus. Topics of discussion and demonstration included an experience with Atlantic Cape's air traffic control tower simulator, reading sectional charts for aviation navigation, learning about professional pilot careers from United Airlines pilot Cheryl Lynn Simpson, discussion on private jet pilot careers with Walter Ellis, drone safety and flying small unmanned aircraft with Professor Anthony Esposito and ACIT flight program graduate Andrew Rock discussing student flight programs

Welcomed Junior Achievement of New Jersey to the college's Mays Landing campus on May 23 for the Inspire Career Expo in Jonathan Pitney Hall Gymnasium. Students from Wildwood and Camden high schools and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology attended. They took part in interactive group activities and met with representatives from several local industries and businesses, including the Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development, Federal Aviation Administration, Bank of America, South Jersey Industries, New Jersey Resources, Atlantic City Electric, and Colliers Engineering & Design.

Held 4th Annual Cyber Day which brought nearly 70 students from three area high schools to the college's Mays Landing campus on May 29 for a day filled with hands-on technology and cybersecurity activities, practical demonstrations, and interaction with industry professionals and experienced facilitators.

Hosted nearly 160 local high school students, for the Annual Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community's Teen Summit on June 6 at Atlantic Cape Community College's Mays Landing campus. The Teen Summit was student-driven and allowed them to meet and work with their peers throughout the

country. The students in attendance represented Absegami, Atlantic City, ACIT, Buena, Cedar Creek, Egg Harbor Township, Hammonton, Mainland, Oakcrest, and Pleasantville high schools.

High School Outreach – Cape May County

Hosted nearly 40 students, and their teachers, from Cape May County Technical High School and Lower Cape May High School for Atlantic Cape Community College Early College Program’s inaugural Environmental Science Day at the Cape May Point Science Center in Cape May Point on October 20.

Presented (Gwen McIntyre and Judith Otterburn-Martinez) on April 12, to Wildwood High School regarding the Academic English Language Program at Atlantic Cape. Students learned the purpose of the program and the academic and professional opportunities at the college. Students engaged in the presentation and were excited to learn of the opportunities. This is the fourth presentation that the faculty of the World Language Department made this spring semester with the CRN grant.

Hosted more than 60 students from the Woodbine Elementary School for Junior Achievement Career Day on April 16. More than 60 students from Woodbine Elementary School attended and gained practical information about education and the many career opportunities that may ignite a spark of enthusiasm while helping them envision a bright future for themselves.

Hosted Out of this World Evening at the Cape May campus on April 30 with nearly 40 attendees who watch an interactive solar demonstration, and presentations by Professor David Jungblut and his students.

High School Outreach – Atlantic and Cape May Counties

Welcomed more than 135 local students from six area high schools to learn all about the various fields of study available to them at the college that can lead to exciting professional careers during College Awareness Day on the Mays Landing campus on April 17. The students in attendance represented Oakcrest, Atlantic City, Middle Township, and Absegami High Schools as well as the Atlantic County Institute of Technology and Charter Tech High School for the Performing Arts.

Hosted Teen Tech 2024 “Meet the Women in STEM” on May 10 at the Mays Landing Campus in collaboration with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Atlantic County, and South Jersey Gas. High school girls from Atlantic and Cape May counties were invited to listen to the inspirational stories of the many talented professional local women, including Atlantic Cape faculty, who work in the STEM field.

Institutional Excellence

Recognized from SiteImprove for holding an industry-leading digital accessibility score for the Atlantic Cape web properties. Achieved a score of 93.2%, which is the highest score of any SiteImprove higher education customer as of August 2023. SiteImprove is a top platform for web accessibility governance and has been a leader in the digital inclusivity space for 15+ years. SiteImprove works with leading accessibility groups (International Association of Accessibility Professionals [IAAP] and the World Wide Web Consortium [W3C]) and plays an active part in the determination and implementation of accessibility regulations (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines [WCAG]).

Recognized as the 2023 Cape May County Betterment Award recipient at the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce’s 79th Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner at the Wildwoods Convention Center on October 18 for Atlantic Cape’s Cape May County campus. The Betterment Award, which was sponsored this year by Ocean View Trailer Sales, annually recognizes individuals, businesses, organizations, and

government entities that contribute to enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors through impactful projects, facilities services, and educational restoration efforts that preserve Cape May county's heritage and enrich public access.

Recognized (Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City campus) with the prestigious Community Service Award during the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Atlantic City Chapter's 50th Annual Freedom Fund Gala Dinner at the HardRock Hotel Casino on April 27.

Campus Highlights – Atlantic City Campus

Celebrated Atlantic Cape Community College's Casino Career Institute's (CCI) 45th Anniversary at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City campus on October 26 at an event that brought together college staff, faculty, and CCI students and instructors, past and present.

Campus Highlights – Mays Landing Campus

Celebrated the 60th anniversary of Atlantic Cape on May 4, 2024, as hundreds of attendees, including students, alumni, staff, faculty, and residents of its surrounding communities, attended in the Mays Landing campus Quad for a day filled with free food, live musical entertainment, representatives from various college departments, games, demonstrations, a campus tour and much more.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Alumni

Hosted the Seventh Annual Alumni Bash on Sunday, June 16 at Morey's Piers in Wildwood. 400 Atlantic Cape alumni, family, and friends, traveled from as far as New York to enjoy the rides on the Wildwood boardwalk's three amusement piers, and two water parks, as well as an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch. The Alumni Bash is the Alumni Association's largest annual event which has served as a celebratory kick-off to summer for thousands of Atlantic Cape graduates and their guests over the years.

Hosted (Atlantic Cape Alumni Association) the Sixth Annual Alumni Bash on the Atlantic City boardwalk on Sunday, August 20, 2023. The event returned to Atlantic City for the first time since 2015. Event attendees enjoyed a picture-perfect summer day along with all access to the amusement rides at Steel Pier and plenty of fun and games at Lucky Snake Arcade located at Showboat Hotel.

Community Outreach – Atlantic County

Collaborated with three local artists and Atlantic City at-risk youth on a Community Mural Project at Worthington Atlantic City Campus to create three distinctive murals at Atlantic Cape's Charles D. Worthington Campus.

Held an Evening with Author Weina Dai Randel as part of the Atlantic Cape Speaker Series on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 pm at the Walter Edge Theater in Mays Landing. She spoke about the little-known history of Jews in Shanghai during World War II. Randel discussed the research and the craft of writing fiction and her writer's journey. This event was free and open to the public.

Hosted (The Inlet CDC) an Inlet Neighborhood Public Meeting on October 12th where neighborhood residents had the opportunity to learn about available grant opportunities for Inlet homeowners and business owners through the Inlet CDC homeowners buying program.

Hosted (Atlantic Cape and the Inlet CDC) their first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival in the Inlet section of Atlantic City in partnership with the Absecon Lighthouse and the Oceanside Family Success Center on October 13th. This event was free and open to the neighborhood residents.

Partnered with the Midtown CDC to present a Halloween Movie Night on our Worthington Atlantic City Campus for the community in the 3rd Ward neighborhood of Atlantic City on October 23rd. The Atlantic County Council of Education Associations and the Atlantic Cape Community College Education Association sponsored refreshments for attendees.

Partnered with the Psychology and Circle K Student Clubs and hosted a successful Personal Care and Sock Drive on our campuses during November & December to benefit Friends of Jean Webster (Sister Jean's) soap and clothing closet programs.

Hosted Cultural Heritage Spotlight event on November 15 at the Atlantic City campus where students showcased their dancing, music, poetry, and more. Winners were judged by Gwen McIntyre, ESL Professor; Joshua Baez, Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning Grant Program; and DJ David Perdomo.

Hosted (Atlantic Cape's Academy of Culinary Arts in partnership with the Atlantic City Bailliage of Chaine des Rotisseurs) the 24th Annual Beaujolais Nouveau Food & Wine Scholarship Reception on November 16 at Careme's, the student-run gourmet restaurant on the Mays Landing campus. The event awarded four scholarships to culinary and hospitality students and recognized ACA alum and Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa Executive Chef Deb Pellegrino.

Held a Star Party on November 18 at the STEM building's Mary M. and Augustino J. Sacchinelli Memorial Observatory. Hands-on demonstrations, air traffic control simulator demos, crafts, and activities were also provided during this out-of-this-world experience. STEM Professors David Jungblut, Dr. Francis Toriello, James Sacchinelli, and Richard Perello provided their expertise for the event.

Read to children at the Gateway Community Early Head Start School in Mays Landing at story time reading by Atlantic Cape Community College's Black Student Alliance (BSA) on December 5. BSA Advisor and Student Support Services Counselor II Lynette Ingram along with current students & BSA members, Kiara Vasquez and ValReseria Cornejo, represented the college and BSA. Vasquez, a sophomore Health Sciences major from Atlantic City, read from the children's book "Pete the Cat" as the young students intently followed along and enjoyed the interaction with Vasquez while she read to them. The BSA also donated the book to the school after the reading. Each semester, Atlantic Cape's student clubs are asked to perform some type of community service across Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Held an inaugural Holiday Pet Supply Drive to benefit the Atlantic County Humane Society hosted by the Community for the Differently Abled student club.

Hosted Hope for the Holidays community event with hundreds of residents attending at Brown's Park in Atlantic City on December 16. More than 300 toys were provided to youngsters 12 years of age and younger.

Hosted Eclipse Extravaganza total solar eclipse viewing party on the Mays Landing campus on April 8 with students, staff, faculty, and members of the community. Attendees created their own eclipse viewer and enjoyed presentations by Professors and Instructors Mark Wegner, James Sacchinelli, Richard Perello, and Dr. Francis Toriello in Walter E. Edge Theater.

Community Outreach – Cape May County

Hosted the Cape May County bizHub Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 6, 2023, at the Cape May County Campus. The bizHub is a small business resource center developed to address the unique needs of Cape May County residents and others interested in exploring opportunities in a pro-business community offering a great quality of life. This was made possible through a \$1 million award through Congressionally Directed Spending from Congressman Van Drew's Office. Those in attendance included Congressman Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan, Assemblyman Erik Simonsen, Cape May County Commissioner Will Morey, Atlantic County Commissioner John Risley (Chairman), and Cape May County Surrogate E. Marie Hayes. Members of the Board of Trustees in attendance included Trustees Christina Clemans, and Thomas Dawson. Members of the Foundation Board of Trustees in attendance included Trustees Terry Budd, Rebecca Guerrasio, Trina McSorley, Robert Mullock, Zack Mullock, Roman Osadchuk, Ryan Smith, and Jim Rutala.

Held (bizHub) an amazing "Financial Resources and Small Business Lending" seminar on October 26 at the Cape May Campus joined by representatives from Sturdy Savings Bank and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) discussing all the financial lending options and resources available to small business owners. Such a great group of attendees and so thankful to the organizations supporting the effort to keep small businesses moving forward in Cape May County.

Hosted Stedman Graham, best-selling author, business advisor, and chairman & CEO of S. Graham Associates, at its Speaker Series event on September 26 at Atlantic Cape's Cape May County campus.

Public Service

Participated (staff members, students, and alumni) in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service by volunteering their time at Sister Jean's Pantry & Kitchen and Atlantic City Rescue Mission on Monday, January 15.

Hosted a Blessing Bag Making Party (Atlantic Cape's Circle K, Black Student Alliance, and Psychology student organizations) on Tuesday, March 26th on our Mays Landing Campus to benefit Angels in Motion. A snack drive was held during March and over 300 snack blessing bags were made. Angels in Motion consists of a diverse group of individuals, showing that substance use disorder does not discriminate based on race, economic status, or locale. Each member shares the same passion and concern for their community and those suffering from this disease called substance use disorder (SUD). Through the generous donations of the community and the wonderful help and time of our volunteers, Angels in Motion has been able to increase its presence within the Atlantic City area and deliver its blessing bags every week. Angels in Motion also holds twice-monthly meetings for the community to help spread awareness about substance use disorder and offers support to families, friends, and loved ones who have been affected by this disease.

Distributed (Culinary Student Association) over 60 bagged lunches with Angels in Motion - Atlantic City on April 17. Angels in Motion, established in mid-February 2015, is a beacon of hope and support for individuals battling substance use disorder.

I. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

MAYS LANDING CAMPUS

Completed the One-Stop Construction Project in the J Building lobby on September 12. It serves as an inviting, modern, and attractive student-friendly venue to streamline the enrollment process and support students as they pursue their academic and career goals. It was completed on time and budget with a high level of quality and customer satisfaction. The \$1.5 million, 7,270-square-foot project, was paid for through the State of New Jersey's Chapter 12 funds and began immediately following the conclusion of Commencement ceremonies in May 2023. When students enter the J Building lobby they walk through the sliding glass doors into the One-Stop Welcome Center where they are personally greeted and asked to sign in at one of the many tablets available. They are then entered into a queuing system and notified via text message that a member of the One-Stop team is ready to help them. They then proceed into the admissions area, which features a new reception counter, 11 newly constructed offices, a copy room, a work area, a staff luncheonette, additional storage space, an exterior door, and a modified exit to allow for a uniform flow of foot traffic in and out of the One-Stop center.

Broke ground on the new \$1.48 million baseball field of dreams on February 15 that will permanently bring the Buccaneers' baseball program home in time for the 2025 season after spending the past decade playing its home games at Surf Stadium in Atlantic City. This was funded through the State of New Jersey and Atlantic County Chapter 12 funds, as well as the "Bring it Home" fundraising campaign in 2020 which thanks to the generosity of its donors raised \$186,000. After several years of planning, fundraising, architectural design, environmental approvals, and community and alumni outreach, construction upon the parcel of land is situated behind the Rutgers Lifelong Learning Center. Once completed, the new baseball field will feature a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard in center field, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bleachers along both baselines for spectator seating, two enclosed dugouts, and two 80'x30' bullpens. The field dimensions will measure 330 feet down the left and right field lines and 400 feet to straight away center field. Lights and a clubhouse, which were featured in the original architectural renderings, will be added to it at a later date.